



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

30 March 2014

Lent 4

### But Men Loved Darkness Rather than Light

The world's light shines; shine as it will,  
The world will love its darkness still:  
I doubt though when the world's in Hell,  
It will not love its darkness half so well.

*Richard Crashaw*

### A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in today's worship.  
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in  
the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is  
warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge  
after the Solemn Eucharist.

### The Liturgy for Today:

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

**10:30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist and Confirmation

#### **HYMNS:**

457 The King of love my shepherd is  
87 Nature with open volume stands  
304 Once, only once, and once for all  
305 Soul of my Saviour  
383 Jesus lover of my soul

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

[1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13](#)

[Ephesians 5: 8-14](#)

[John 9: 1-41](#)

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Ezekiel 37: 12-14](#)

[Romans 8: 8-11](#)

[John 11: 1-45](#)

### **Parish News**

**Today's sermon** is entitled "Provoking his enemies." The healing of the man blind from birth looks to us like another wonderful healing miracle. But John's emphasis is on the controversy that follows, centering on Sabbath breaking. Once again Jesus has stirred up trouble with the religious authorities, which raises interesting questions about why he is embarked on this apparent collision course.

**The Christian Formation Group** The Christian Formation Group meets on Monday night with a 7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and then adjourns to the Vicarage for a time of Bible study and prayer. This is our Lenten study group.

**Parish AGM** The parish AGM is on this Sunday 2014 following the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of receiving reports and electing the People's Warden, the Vestry, and this year we elect the lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod. Nominations for these parish offices need to be lodged in writing on the forms provided for this purpose. They can be lodged in the box provided up to the beginning of the meeting, at which time nominations close, with no nominations being accepted from the floor.

**Replacement insurance valuations** After patient research and investigation it has become possible to obtain valuations on the pulpit, altar and reredos so that these unique items could be rebuilt and replaced in the event of fire or earthquake, with the pulpit being valued at \$76,000, and the altar and reredos being valued at \$16,000.

**Adjustment to Caversham lecture dates** Please note a slight alteration to the Caversham lectures dates as advertised on the noticeboard due to the fact that the Vicar will be attending the Diocesan clergy retreat in late May. The effect of the change is to push the last two lectures a week later into June.

**Thank you** to those who worked hard to make yesterday's garage sale possible, and a particularly big thank you to David Hoskins for organising this parish fund raising event.

**Wellington excursion** The Vicar will be away briefly from Thursday noon until Saturday evening attending the first birthday celebrations of his grandson Oscar.

**Royal visit** The Royal couple will attend the Palm Sunday Service at the Cathedral. Security will be tight, and admission is by ticket only. See the notice in the Link for details on how to apply for a ticket.

**Palm Crosses** will be made on Saturday 12 April at 10.30 in the lounge. Helpers welcome.

**Brass cleaning** Holy Saturday 19 April in the lounge at 10.30. Helpers welcome.

**The Rock** is available at the back of the Church.

**Vestry news** The Vestry heard a presentation from Graham McDougall, an earthquake-strengthening engineer, whose firm produced last year's initial engineering assessment of the Church. The Vestry plans to commission a second more detailed report next year as bequest funds become available, which will map out the steps required to make the Church safe, while at the same time assessing the soil on which the Church stands. The weekend of Michaelmas 2015 was selected as the date for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, since this was the date of the dedication of the second Church (the present one), and would permit sufficient preparation time. The Vicar reported on the outcome of last year's stewardship programme. A theme that emerged from the report was how helpful it is when parishioners give by direct debit transfers from their bank accounts. A report was received from the first meeting of the recently created financial advisory group, which had prepared the draft budget for the next 12 months for presentation at next week's parish AGM. There was a preview of the report that the Vicar will give at the AGM, which will have a particular focus on attendances at the Sunday 10.30 am Service. There was also an explanation of how the St Peter's renovation fund works as a unitised trust in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:** Evelyn Edmundson and Adam-Michael Paterson.

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